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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

DALLY, WILLIAM J.

Examiner

Jack A Lane

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 April 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is responsive to the request for RCE and amendment filed 04/04/03. The examiner requests, in response to this office action, any reference(s) known to qualify as prior art under 35 U.S.C. sections 102 or 103 with respect to the instant claims. That is, any prior art similar to the instant claimed invention that could reasonably be used in a 102/103 rejection. This request does not require applicant to perform a search. This request may be fulfilled by asking the attorney(s) of record handling prosecution and the inventor(s)/assignee for references qualifying as prior. A simple statement that the query has been made and no prior art found is sufficient to fulfill the request.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

3. Claims 1-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Duluk, Jr. et al. (6,288,730).

The claimed “address buffer” corresponds to request queues 2621-0 and 2621-1 (fig. 13A). The claimed “memory array” corresponds to the RAM. The claimed “control circuit” corresponds to reorder logic 2623-0 and 2623-1 shown in figure 13B. The memory addresses/references stored in request queues 2621 are selected at any given cycle as claimed. Reorder logic reorder the addresses received from the request queues and presents the addresses to RAMBus memory controller 2649. The claim limitation “as they leave the control circuit” corresponds to the 24 line output from reorder address queue to memory controller 2649. The claimed “read buffer” corresponds to in order return queue 2624.

Applicant further argues “the memory system differs substantially from this by at each point in time selecting the next memory operation to be performed from among a set of memory references in the address buffer.” However, applicant’s arguments are not commensurate with the claim. Independent claims 1 and 13 do not recite a timing relationship among memory operations.

Applicant should review the entire patent for claimed features not specifically discussed above.

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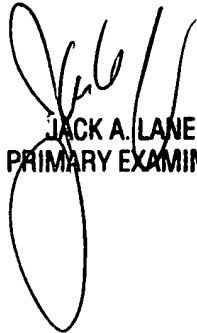
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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.



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